Clinical ‘SUPER’vision – people • passion • purpose

Pre-Conference Workshops Tuesday 22 May 2018
Conference Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 May 2018
ANMF House, 535 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne

Clinical supervisors are passionate about their work in clinical supervision. They focus on people and privilege their professional developmental needs. They show purpose through guiding their clientele to reflect on their everyday practice. Above all, people remain at the heart of clinical supervision.

Clinical supervision is an essential element of contemporary practice for all professionals who work with people, whether they are in health, education, management, police, or clergy; indeed, any profession that addresses the human aspects of living in a modern society. As clinical supervisors and supervisees, we all have a contribution to make to the emerging field of clinical supervision in Australia.

We warmly welcome abstracts from practitioners, educators, researchers, policy makers, and professionals who are interested in clinical supervision. This conference is about the ongoing processes of reflecting with a guide to help us on our professional journey of simply working with people who impact, challenge and sometimes, question our professional identity. Meet us in Melbourne for plenary and concurrent sessions, workshops and master classes, roundtable discussions and forums, poster sessions and evening networking social events. We welcome all papers and formats.

For any queries, please email the ACSA Conference Secretariat: conference@clinicalsupervision.org.au.
We encourage you to view our conference website.
For conference updates, please sign up to our Conference News.
Call for Abstracts

We are calling on all clinical supervisors and clinical supervisees and professionals who aspire to become clinical supervisors and supervisees, those professionals who research the field, those professionals who provide training and education, those professionals in management and policy-making, and those professionals who think about clinical supervision and practise clinical supervision.

Please consider submitting an abstract for the historic ACSA inaugural clinical supervision conference in Australia. If you work in this field, consider aspects of your practice, education and training, and research that you might like to see discussed, articulated or debated.

ACSA Conference Awards
ACSA will confer awards for Best Paper, Best Novice Presenter and Best Poster with prizes yet to be determined. Watch for our conference updates.

Mentoring for First Time Presenters or Inexperienced Presenters
If you are a first time presenter, ACSA will happily support you. If you would like assistance in the form of a bona-fide mentor, you only need to let us know. We will help you on the day or we can help you write your abstract and presentation. Just ask us.

Our Terms and Conditions
Submitting an abstract involves understanding the following rules of engagement for participating in the ACSA Conference:

- All author(s) are aware and approve submitting their work for presentation.
- The author(s) transfer(s) all copyright ownership of their named abstract to the conference.
- All authors (s) must disclose any conflict of interest, including affiliations with sponsoring companies in their abstract.
- At least one author will be available to present the abstract if selected for the program. The authors will immediately notify the Conference Organising Committee if they are unable to present an abstract or if the presenting author is changed.
- All presenters must register and pay to attend the conference.
- All abstract decisions are final, and no reasons will be given for unsuccessful submissions.
- The Conference Organising Committee reserves the right to remove a presentation from the program.
Types of Presentations
We offer the standard fare for conference presentations, but we will happily consider any original or innovative mode of presentation. For instance, you might care to lead a panel discussion in an area that is important to you. We are also interested in hearing of supervisors’ and supervisees’ lived experience of clinical supervision, as well as individual 5-10 minutes reports of what is happening in their area on clinical supervision.

- **Oral presentation** during a plenary or concurrent session (5-10 minute, 20 minute, 30 minute sessions available – allow five minutes for questions and discussion in longer presentations). These include roundtable papers and discussion leaders.
- **Workshops and master classes** of up to two-hours in length (we will consider three-hour and one-hour workshops as well).
- **Poster presentations** of A0 size (1189mm high x 841mm wide). with a poster tour over the lunch breaks.

You will need to nominate which mode of presentation you wish to submit your abstract. The Organising Committee and Peer Review Assessment panel reserve the right to offer you an alternative mode if that is needed to suit the program and the number of submissions, or to accommodate your ideas optimally.

Each presenter will only be invited to give one presentation (either oral presentation, workshop or poster) to ensure that a wide range of people are able to attend and present their work.

**Word Limit**
All abstracts have a word limit of 300 words.

**Oral Presentation of a Plenary or Concurrent Session**
Each presenter is allocated either a maximum of 15-minutes plus five minutes for discussion or 25-minutes session with a five minute discussion.

We have grouped abstracts to these following areas, with particular reference to our theme of people, passion and purpose.

- Discussion and scholarly debate.
- Research.
- Innovative practice.
- Lived experience and story-telling.
There is a variety of topic areas that can be addressed in any of those areas.

**Discussion and Scholarly Debate**
These papers should address a range of contemporary issues that are of interest to the conference delegates. The abstract must include the aim or rationale for the topic, relevance to current literature, a cogent account of the discussion and debate that the author wishes to make, and demonstration of the author’s originality. The implications practitioners, educators, researchers, consumers, and policy makers should be stated.

**Research**
Abstracts may be submitted that discuss research. The abstract must include a brief background to the research, its aim, method(s), and key findings, as well as the implications for practice, education and policy. The research should be relevant to the conference delegates. If a prospective presentation is dependent on the findings which are still in progress, presenters must admit this if an assurance cannot be made that the research will be completed in time for the conference. For research projects, a statement that ethical approval was sought and achieved needs to be stated.

**Innovative Practice**
These papers should discuss innovative or new ways of working and thinking. The abstract must include the aim, a clear description of the innovation, including evaluation in practice, evidence of its originality and the likelihood that the innovative practice could be applied elsewhere. The implications for practitioners, educators, researchers, consumers and policy maker should be outlined, as well as how the field of clinical supervision can be advanced.

**Lived Experience and Story-telling**
Abstracts may be submitted for presentations that use presenters’ lived experiences of clinical supervision. This format could suit novice presenters and experienced presenters alike – within the parameters of offering important insights that are relevant to the field of clinical supervision and to conference delegates. Abstracts must include the aim or rationale, a coherent account of the person’s story or lived experience and an account of why the story is important for practitioners, educators, researchers, consumers, and policy makers, as well as to the conference delegates.

The Organising Committee may offer to mentor particular abstracts and papers to ensure they are accepted and in keeping with the theme and philosophy of the ACSA Conference 2018. This will be done through support and negotiation with the presenter.
Abstract Submissions

All submissions will be done electronically through the website. There will be NO paper submissions. To enter your submission, click here to register and login on the ACSA Conference website. We will not consider abstracts that are not submitted through the ACSA Conference website.

Please follow our How to Register and Upload your Abstracts to ACSA instructions to successfully submit your abstract via the online submission process. You can find our instructions on our website on the login page.

Abstract Format on the Abstract Submission Dashboard

There are text areas for you to fill in to complete your submission, including the title of your abstract, topic, key words, author and presenter name, email, affiliation and presentation type (oral, poster, workshop, etc.).

You will need to type in the abstract area:
1. An abstract of 300 words (with minimal formatting).
   - Do not include references.
   - Spell out all abbreviations on first use.
   - Check your abstract thoroughly for spelling and grammar.
   - If you have tables, pictures and diagrams, you may submit in DOC, DOCX, PDF, JPG or PNG.

2. Brief presenter biography (100 words).
3. Contact phone numbers.
   - Please submit your Presenter Biography and contact numbers in DOC or DOCX as an uploaded attachment.

To fulfil the designated word count, please delete the above instructions in the abstract text area, after you type in your abstract details. The website will automatically do a word count.

Submissions will be accepted from 1st September 2017 to 15th January 2018

Abstracts Close: Monday 15th January 2018 at 11:00pm